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Applicants : Eginhard Warner VIETZ et al.

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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as indicated below.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the date of submission from the original due date of November 20, 2009 to February 22, 2010 (February 20-

21 being a weekend). Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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